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PROCLAMATION
CHIEF JUSTICE GERALD W. VANDEWALLE
CELEBRATION OF SERVICE
AUGUST 21, 2008

WHEREAS, this year marks impressive milestones in the career of Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle as he celebrates his 75th birthday, 50 years as a licensed attorney and 30 years of service on the North Dakota Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Justice VandeWalle was appointed to the North Dakota Supreme Court in 1978, and was elected Chief Justice effective January 1, 1993; and

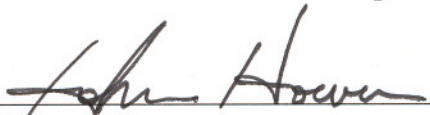
WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice VandeWalle served 20 years in the North Dakota Attorney General's Office, where he held several portfolios, including education, the North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Division, and the State Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Justice VandeWalle has served on several national boards and associations and held prestigious positions, including President of the Conference of Chief Justices, an organization responsible for the establishment of the National Center for State Courts; and


WHEREAS, in 2002, United States Chief Justice William Rehnquist formally inducted Justice VandeWalle into the Warren E. Burger Society, honoring him for his exemplary commitment to improving the administration of justice through extraordinary contributions of service; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize Justice VandeWalle for his distinguished career and service to the courts, and for the significant impact he has had on North Dakota law and the state's legal system.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 21, 2008, a day to celebrate the prolific career and service of North Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle.


John Hoeven
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ATTEST:


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Secretary of State